

LAH:RLC

November 17, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In my absence SAC Kitchin telephoned and talked with Mr. Hince concerning the Bureau's request for information concerning one H. H. Dinkins who wired the Bureau November 14th and asked the Bureau to recommend a presently employed or former Agent in connection with an investigation to be conducted at LaFayette, Louisiana. Dinkins described himself in his wire as a member of a state Grand Jury inquiring into dishonesty in public office.

SAC Kitchin stated that H. H. Dinkins is a merchant at LaFayette, Louisiana. His son, Ladd Dinkins, is a teller at the Louisiana Savings and Trust Company, New Orleans. H. H. Dinkins has no law enforcement status whatever and is a member of a state Grand Jury sitting temporarily which has taken upon itself to inquire into alleged graft in connection with the construction of a charity hospital, waterworks and in connection with the planting of flowers and shrubs at the Southwestern Louisiana Institute. Kitchin stated there are some allegations that Governor Leche and others participated in a fraud in connection with the construction of these projects. Kitchin indicated also that some WPA money is supposed to have been used in connection with the projects.

SAC Kitchin recommended strongly against the Bureau making any recommendations concerning possible investigators. Kitchin stated this is purely a political matter; that H. H. Dinkins is an anti-Long faction man and that the results of the Grand Jury investigation will be used for political purposes. Kitchin further stated only about \$1,500. was available to conduct the investigation.

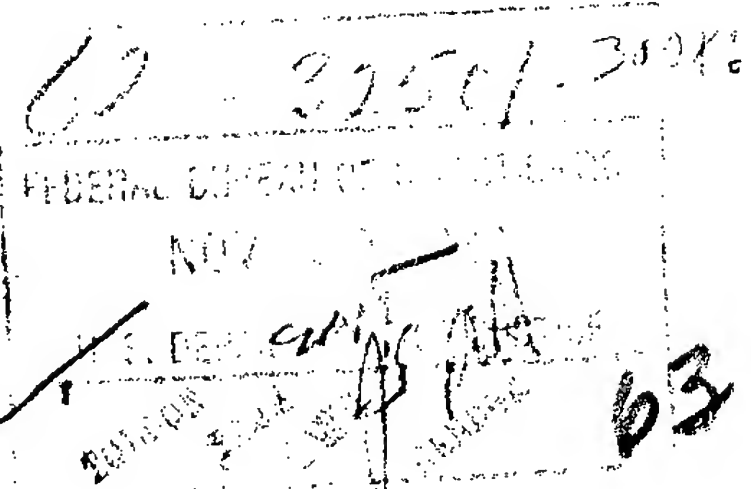
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Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

In view of the above facts, in my absence Mr. Hince recommends that Dinkins be informed by wire that conditions in the Bureau do not permit the loan of a presently employed Bureau Agent and that the Bureau does not have available information concerning any former employee who would be interested in obtaining a position as an investigator at LaFayette, Louisiana.

Respectfully,

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H. R. Clegg

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A P KITCHIN FBI JUSTICE

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REFER BUREAU TELEGRAM AND YOUR TELEPHICXXXX TELEPHONIC CONVRXXX
CINVRXXXX CONVERSATION YESTERDAY WITH MR. SEARS. CARRY OUT INSTRUCTION
CONTAINED BUREAU TELEGRAM OF YESTERDAY CONCERNING H. H. DINKINS.

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November 15, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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A telegram has been received from a Mr. H. H. Dinkins who refers to himself as a member of the State Grand Jury, Lafayette, Louisiana, and who requests that the Bureau recommend an investigator to conduct an investigation of dishonesty in public office. The Bureau requested the New Orleans Division by a telegram yesterday to contact Dinkins discreetly avoiding publicity and to advise the Bureau more fully concerning Dinkins' identity or the advisability of the Bureau's making any recommendation concerning an investigator.

The attached memorandum by Mr. Sears indicates that SAC Kitchin telephoned Mr. Sears and suggested that Dinkins not be contacted because of the distance between New Orleans and Scott, Louisiana and because no federal violation is apparently involved. Mr. Kitchin furnished no information concerning Mr. Dinkins except that he called at the New Orleans Division. We seem to have no more information now than before the Bureau telegraphed yesterday, and accordingly the attached wire has been prepared to the New Orleans Division instructing that it comply with the Bureau's telegraphic request of yesterday.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
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November 14, 1939

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SAC Kitchin telephonically advised from New Orleans that he was in receipt of a wire from the Bureau advising that H. H. Dinkins of New Orleans had wired to the Bureau stating that SAC Kitchin suggested that he, Mr. Dinkins, wire the Bureau for the name of a prospective investigator in connection with Grand Jury inquires now in session at Lafayette, Louisiana. The Bureau wire suggested that Mr. Kitchin discreetly contact Mr. Dinkins and advise the Bureau more fully of his request.

Mr. Kitchin advised that on Sunday, November 12, 1939, H. H. Dinkins, Todd Dinkins, both of Scott, Louisiana, and Joseph Airey of 843 Union Street, New Orleans, called at the New Orleans Office and advised Agent Parker that they were interested in having an investigation conducted of State graft in Lafayette County, Louisiana, and also the investigation of the graft by State authorities in the vicinity of Lake Charles, Louisiana. Agent Parker referred Mr. Dinkins to Mr. Kitchin at his home, and Mr. Kitchin advised Mr. Dinkins that as there was no Federal violation in connection with the State graft and fraud at Lafayette County and Lake Charles, Louisiana, that no Federal investigation could be conducted. He then inquired if the Bureau had a private investigator, or could recommend a private investigator, to conduct an appropriate investigation concerning this State graft. Mr. Kitchin advised that he did not believe the Bureau would recommend a private investigator, but in the event Mr. Dinkins wanted to take it up directly with the Director, that he should communicate with the Bureau by letter and furnish full details as to the graft and his request.

The purpose of Mr. Kitchin's call was to advise the Bureau he did not believe that Mr. Dinkins at Scott, Louisiana, should be contacted, because of the distance, and particularly he believed that if the Bureau could get out of this request gracefully, it should do so as no Federal violation was concerned. However, if the Bureau wanted him contacted, he would arrange to contact him, or have an Agent do so.

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I advised Mr. Kitchin that the purpose of the wire was to ascertain the facts concerning the work that the investigator would do for Mr. H. H. Dinkins, inasmuch as in some instances the Bureau may recommend an investigator to a State agency, particularly an FBI National Police Academy man. I further instructed Mr. Kitchin that in view of his call, he need not contact Mr. Dinkins until advised to do so by the Bureau.

J. F. Sears

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J EDGAR HOOVER

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

AS A MEMBER OF THE STATE GRAND JURY NOW IN SESSION
AT LAFAYETTE LOUISIANA, I HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO
SUBMIT NAME OR NAMES OF SOMEONE QUALIFIED OR FAM-
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PUBLIC OFFICE IN OUR SECTION OF THE STATE STOP IS IT
POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO SUGGEST TO ME SOMEONE NOW OR
FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH FBI WHO CAN DO SUCH WORK,
WE TO PAY HIS SALARY STOP MR KITCHEN OF YOUR NEW-
ORLEANS OFFICE SUGGESTS MY WIRING YOU STOP PLEASE
WIRE REPLY COLLECT TO ME AT LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

H H DINKINS.

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H. H. DINKINS

LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM NOVEMBER ELEVENTH I REGRET TO INFORM
YOU THAT EMERGENCY CONDITIONS IN THE BUREAU'S WORK WILL NOT
PERMIT THE RELEASE OF AN INVESTIGATOR TO BE EMPLOYED BY YOU.

I ALSO REGRET NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING FORMER EMPLOYEES
WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TEMPORARY INVESTIGATIVE
POSITION.

HOOVXXXXX JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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New Orleans, La.
Nov. 2, 1939.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: PETIT JURY PANEL - NOVEMBER 1939
TERM, Eastern District of Louisiana,
New Orleans, La. Division;
JURY INVESTIGATION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a telephone call from MR. ROSEN of the Bureau on November 2, 1939, to Special Agent C. W. DUNKER, at which time MR. ROSEN advised that MR. O. JOHN ROGGE of the Department had requested that we institute an investigation of the Jury Panel which will try ABE SHUSHAN in New Orleans. At that time MR. ROSEN requested that we institute the investigation immediately.

Please be advised that Special Agent C. W. DUNKER contacted U. S. Attorney RENE VIOSCA, New Orleans, on the same date, at which time he advised that ABE SHUSHAN, HENRY J. MILLER, ROBERT V. NEWMAN, NORVIN T. HARRIS and HERBERT WAGUESPACK were charged in a mail fraud indictment, which would come to trial in New Orleans on December 4, 1939. He advised that the November 1939 Jury Panel would be selected for the term of court on November 20, 1939, on which date he would supply this office with the names of the persons selected for the Panel.

Immediately upon receipt of the names of the members who will comprise the Jury Panel, the proper investigation will be instituted.

Very truly yours,

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A. P. Kitchin

Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Philip A. Sanders
Crew of U. S. Bredge Jadwin
U. S. Engineers Department
Post Office Box 97
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sanders:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated October 24, 1939, concerning political conditions in the city of New Orleans against the National Maritime Union.

I wish to advise that I have carefully perused the contents of your letter and fail to note therein a violation within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, and I am therefore unable to be of assistance to you in this matter.

I would suggest that in the event you obtain information concerning a violation within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, you may be desirous of furnishing the information directly to Mr. C. E. Ryle, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 2401 Sterick Building, Memphis, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Memphis

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Coffey.....
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Mr. Cronk.....
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Mr. Tracy.....
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Clarksdale Miss.
Oct. 24, 1939
U.S. Dredge Jadwin

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir,

We are writing you in regards to the corruptive Political conditions in the city of New Orleans against the National Maritime Union. We have had several of our Brothers of our union murdered and beaten up by phonies which are so called goons and the City Officials and Police Department will not take any actions what so ever to see that these murderers are brought to justice.

They have at present one of our Brothers, Ennis Marshall in jail for shooting two of these so called goons. Several weeks ago this same gang of murderers beat up on one of our Brothers and shot and killed Phil Carey Secretary Treasurer of the Gulf District of the N.M.U. We know that the New Orleans police have not apprehended these murderers and prosecuted them to what they deserve.

Our brother Ennis Marshall went ashore in New Orleans and was followed around by these two goons who finally jammed him up in a saloon and tried to murder him and he was forced to shoot in self defense of his life.

We understand the Police Dept. in New Orleans are trying to railroad him and send him to prison for some thing he was in justified in doing.

We all know that the police dept. of New Orleans have nothing about these so called goon beating up our members but just as soon as one of our members has to shoot two of these phonies in defense of his life, the police dept. pounce on him and put in murders row at Parish Prison where no one can see him but a lawyer and where they try to pin every thing on him that has happened there in the last year.

We are appealing to you as tax payers and citizens and asking you to see that these phonies and goons are apprehended and prosecuted and our brother Ennis Marshall gets a fair trial and justice for it is useless to appeal to the local authorities in New Orleans and we know it. We are asking that you start an investigation at your earliest opportunity.

Thanking you in advance and wishing you success, we are

very truly yours,
Crew of U. S. Dredge Jadwin
U. S. Engineers Dept.
P. O. Box 97
Memphis, Tenn.

Philip A. Sanders
Philip A. Sanders
Recording Secretary

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1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
October 17, 1939

Honorable Rene A. Viosca
United States Attorney
Post Office Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: LOUISIANA POLITICAL SITUATION;
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter received by this Bureau signed E. J. Wilson, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, dated October 2, 1939, in which the author complains of irregularities in the Louisiana State School for the Deaf. The writer furnished no return address and, consequently, his letter has not been acknowledged.

The above-mentioned copy of this letter is being furnished to you for such disposition as you may desire to make of same.

Very truly yours,

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A. P. KITCHIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 4, 1939

Miss Bessie Hicks
1818 Philip Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Hicks:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 16, 1939, with reference to the receipt by an individual of compensation checks of a World War veteran.

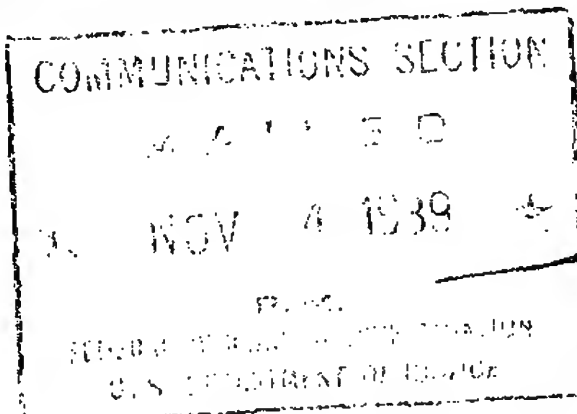
From a careful reading of your letter, it does not appear to contain information within the primary investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau. In view of the fact that the information contained in your letter may be of some interest to the Veterans Administration, I am transmitting a copy of your letter to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Administration, Arlington Building, Washington, D. C. for appropriate attention.

With reference to the latter portion of your letter wherein you state that you would like to be connected with this Department, please be advised that this Bureau does not employ women investigators at the present time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc to New Orleans with copy of incoming



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November 4, 1939

Administrator of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Administration
Arlington Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated October 16, 1939, received by this Bureau from one Essie Eicks, 1818 Philip Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

In view of the fact that this letter appears to pertain to the fraudulent cashing of compensation checks, her letter is being referred to you for appropriate attention and I have advised the correspondent of this reference.

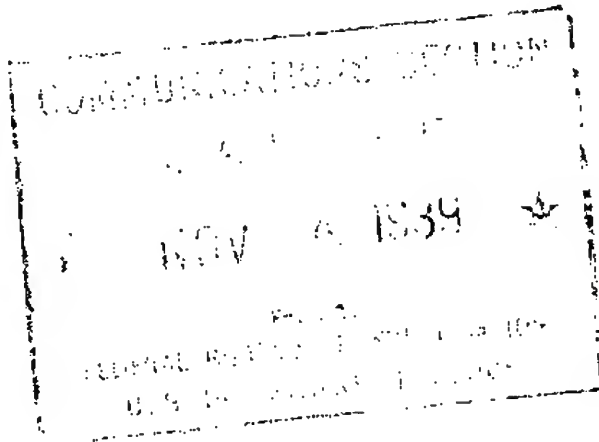
In the event any investigation is desired relative to this matter, I will appreciate it if you will advise me.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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New Orleans La -
Oct, 16, 1939.

Bureau Of Investigation.

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Dear Sir: 62-32509-2

In Close you will find some valuable information that may be of some help to your Dept, there is a negro woman who is receiving checks every month from a world war veteran who is dead. she is using the man's name. this man's law full wife is living out in the country. this woman has children for the dead man. this woman is boasting about the checks that she receives and is a woman whose character is not very good. she is hanging around Beer Parlors. I don't know her name but I know where she is living. I also know of a man that is supposed to be disabled a world war veteran and receives his checks every month and he is working. he throws a big Beer Drinking every month when he receives his check. And a lot of about some doctors and

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midwives that perform Abortions
on women. here in this town
and elsewhere in this state. I have
been an operative making Investa-
-gation for an Agency here for about
20 years. I would like to be
connected with your Department.
Any help from you will be highly
Appreciated. I would love to uncover
a lot of this injustice.

hoping to hear from your
Department soon.

I Am 5 ft 4. And weigh 115 good
eye sight And a Negro.
yours Truly.

Bessie ^{Hicks} Hicks.
1818 Philip St

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New Orleans, La -
Oct, 16, 1939.

Bureau of Investigation

Dear Sir.

In close you will find some valuable information that may be of some help to your dept, there is a negro woman who is reciving checks every month from a world war vetran who is dead. She is casing the mans name. This mans lawfull wife is liveing out in the country. This woman has children for the dead man. This woman is boasting about the checks that she recives and is a woman whose charcter is not very good. She is hanging around Beer Parlors. I don't know her name but I know where she is liveing. I also know of a man that is suppose to be disable a world war vetran and recives his checks every month and he is working. He throws a big beer drinking every month when he reives his check. And a lot of about some doctors and midwives that perform aborations on women, here in this town and elsewhere in this state. I have been an opcartive making investigations for an agency here for about 20 years. I would like to be conected with your department. Any help from you will be hily apprecited I would love to uncover a lot of this injustices.

Hoping to hear from your departnent soon.

I am 5 ft 4 and weigh 115 good eye sight and a negro.

Yours truly,

Eessie Hicks
1818 Philip St.

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October 25, 1939

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The Honorable
The Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

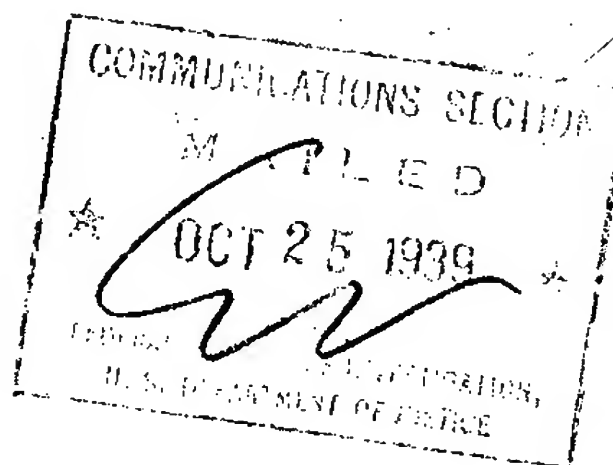
There is attached hereto a letter
addressed to you which was enclosed with an
anonymous communication received by this
Bureau on October 16, 1939, in which there
was a request that the enclosure be forwarded
to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
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Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

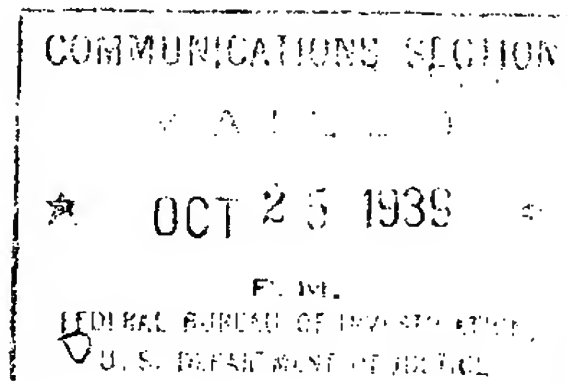
There are enclosed copies of an anonymous communication recently received at the Bureau, and it is desired that you furnish copies of this communication to United States Attorney Rene A. Viosca.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1308 Masonic Temple Bldg.,
New Orleans, La.
Oct. 13, 1939.

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: JAMES MONROE SMITH, with alias;
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 10, 1939, and to the report of Special Agent PETER HOEHL dated October 9, 1939, wherein you advise that MR. WALTER H. BELL, Vice President of the Manufacturers National Bank, is holding one \$500 bill and eight \$100 bills in the event they are necessary in the prosecution of this case.

In connection with your request that you be notified as to whether or not it is necessary for MR. BELL to retain possession of this currency, I telephonically communicated with MR. RENE A. VIOSCA, U. S. Attorney, New Orleans, at which time MR. VIOSCA advised as far as the Federal Government is concerned he sees no reason for the retention of the above mentioned currency. He stated, however, that the State of Louisiana may desire the above mentioned bills be held for use in their prosecutions which are pending against MR. SMITH on a charge of embezzlement, however, he did not feel that he should take the liberty of reporting this matter to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana.

It is suggested that contact be made with MR. BELL and advise him of the attitude of the U. S. Attorney in this district, and suggest that he may desire to communicate with the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana in connection with the currency which he is now holding.

Very truly yours,

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A. P. Kitchin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 30, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

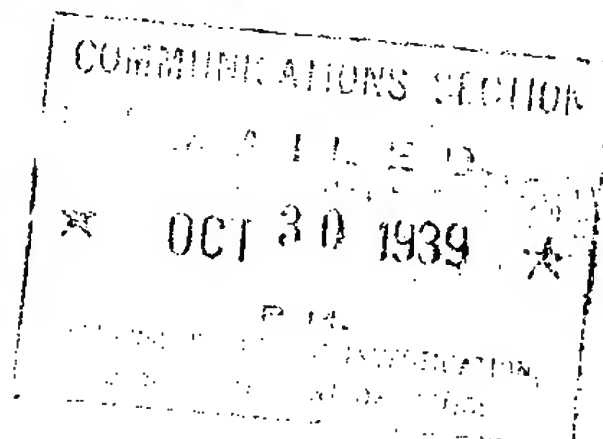
There are enclosed herewith photostatic copies of an anonymous communication dated October 9, 1939, which has been received at the Bureau along with photostatic copies of the enclosure to the letter.

The Bureau suggests that copies of these be furnished to United States Attorney Rene A. Viosca.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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OPERATED BY THE WASHINGTON-YOUREE HOTEL CO., INC.

Shreveport, Louisiana

October 9, 1939.

There are many of us in this State who wish to see justice triumph in all matters. The officials of this State will never provide justice for us and we have only the Federal Government to look to.

The Roman Catholic Church in New Orleans and Orleans Parish is stronger in Membership than all the other churches and tho' I am a Christian still I do not let my religion interfere with my political life.

Major Robert S. Maestri and Archbishop Rummel (both of New Orleans) together with others, are very much involved in the Connally "hot oil" deal. Maestri has not been indicted simply because to do so will automatically show up Rummel. Both of these men are Roman Catholics as are your agent Murphy and Jim Farley who is using his utmost influence in this investigation. This angle of the "hot oil" deal is openly discussed by the people, - in other words it is no secret. I do not know what your religion is, but regardless of that, I believe you wish this investigation to serve it's purpose and see that justice is carried out. If this is done you will have to put the matter into the hands of one who is not a member of the Roman Catholic Church!

I am sorry this letter has to be anonymous, but since I am not an "official investigator" I cannot afford to sign my name. With the proper investigation the above statements will prove to be true.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

EAT:COH

October 9, 1939

Time: 6:45 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

I called SAC Kitchin at New Orleans in connection with a news ticker item to the effect that on a warrant issued by Federal authorities in Louisiana, Frank Costello was arrested today. He is described as being the operator of the Pelican Novelty Company of New Orleans.

In answer to my inquiry, Mr. Kitchin stated he had heard nothing about such an arrest and was not aware that Costello was in New Orleans. Inasmuch as the story was pretty garbled, I told Mr. Kitchin it is possible that Costello was arrested in New York and not in New Orleans, and that as long as the Bureau Office in New Orleans has had nothing to do with this, it would not be necessary to make a check on the story.


E. A. TAMM

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1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
October 10, 1939

Honorable Rene A. Viosca
United States Attorney
Post Office Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;
Information Concerning.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith certified copies of petitions forwarded to this office by an unnamed correspondent, evidently complaining of the political corruption in and around Lake Charles, Louisiana. There are also attached hereto several rough notes that are apparently anonymous, which were likewise received with this communication.

A careful perusal of the documents attached do not reflect any violation over which this Bureau would have investigative jurisdiction. Therefore, this matter is being referred to you for such disposition as you may desire to make of same.

Very truly yours,

APK
PMH
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Special Agent in Charge.

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1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
October 6, 1939

Hon. Rene A. Viosca
United States Attorney
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;
Information Concerning

Dear Sir:

In accordance with past procedure, there is being submitted to you, attached hereto, a letter with a list of land allegedly purchased by the Jefferson Parish School Board, the letter dated October 3, 1939 signed "Jeffersonian", which were received at this office.

Very truly yours,

A. P. KITCHIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Jefferson Parish, La.
October 3, 1939

Mr. Paul Kitchen
F. B. I. Agent
Masonic Temple
New Orleans, La.

Will you please come to the aid of the citizens of Jefferson Parish by conducting an investigation of Federal projects. Such an investigation would serve to uncover abuse of State as well as Federal funds. This parish is in the clutches of unscrupulous politicians; most deplorable of all, the schools are the greatest sufferers. There are indications that State and Federal labor and materials have been used for the benefit of private individuals, among them members of the school board. The abuses that exist are too numerous to mention in full, but the following are among them:

"Kick-back" on teachers' salaries to pay the cost of special courses for politically picked favorites being prepared for highly-paid supervisory positions.

Present assistant superintendent attended university in day time (while being paid as assistant superintendent) in order to meet educational requirements for position

Supervisory positions created for political favorites with little or no training and experience. These favorites are paid their salaries for twelve months, while teachers are paid for nine or ten months.

Teachers with higher degrees are being paid less than the carpenters and bus drivers; the explanation in the case of the latter being that the school board members own the buses (not the drivers, as the public believes) and pay the men who drive them only a small fraction of the amount budgeted for the purpose.

Promotions and salaries are based on political favoritism rather than on qualifications, seniority etc. As a result, principals in many cases are less well qualified and capable than those who work under them.

Board members are allowed to collect as much as \$15 per meeting.

Too many members of various boards in the parish are prospering far too rapidly.

In October, 1939 a special 3 mill tax was voted for the building of schools. What was actually done with the money was to purchase land from politicians regardless of suitability of location etc at fabulous prices. The majority of the citizens are in ignorance of this. In the meantime the schools are overcrowded to the point of danger.

Please help us, or place this letter into the hands of one who can and will do so.

Gratefully
Jeffersonian

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Land purchased by Jefferson Parish School Board as per minutes of board meeting of April 28, 1939 as published in the Jefferson Democrat for Saturday August 26, 1939.

1. Olary Tract, 30 acres, Jefferson Highway near waterworks, - -	\$58,000.00
2. Odom property, on West Bank, Third Ward, 30 acres - - - - -	63,500.00
3. Lake Shore, "East End" one square - - - - -	12,000.00
4. Vic. Pitre, Westwego, 150'X257 on Fazante St. sq. 47- - - - -	28,000.00
5. A. F. Davis, 6 lots sq. 66, McDonoughville, (Gretna) - - - - -	2,350.00
6. Estate Virginia Scott, Lots 2 & 3 in sq. #30 Brooklyn (Gretna)	950.00
7. W. B. Packard, Jr. Lots 2 & 3 in sq. #30 Brooklyn (Gretna)	1,550.00
8. Mrs. F. J. Tillotson, Lot #8, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 9 in sq. 30 in Mechanicksham (Gretna) - - - - -	1,500.00
9. Vernon J. Wilty, 2 lots ground Lots 5-6, sq. 44 in Mechanicksham (Gretna) Ward Third - - - - -	1,650.00
10. Vernon J. Wilty, lots 1-2-3-4-7-8-9-10 & part of lots 5 & 11 (220X250) - - - - -	22,000.00
11. Estate Gas Dauenhauer- Mechanicksham (Gretna) 175' on Cuvier or Weyer St. X 125 ft. on Tenth, lots 14-15-16-17-18 - - - - -	7,000.00
12. Estate Gas Dauenhauer -Mechanicksham Lots 6 & 12 of sq. #31 (30X150 on Huey Long Ave. & Eighth St.) - - - - -	3,500.00
13. Estate Gas Dauenhauer -Mechanicksham (Gretna) sq. 31 Huey Long Ave. 50 X250 - - - - -	5,000.00
14. Hermon Gaudet, in 4th Ward (10 acres) - - - - -	21,000.00
15. Mercedes Adam, 300 X 375 ft. - - - - -	7,500.00
16. Theogene Belsom (6th Ward) 30 X 125 Bayou Barataria - - - - -	1,600.00
17. Estate Isadore Fisher, 45 X 500 Bayou Barataria (later canceled)	3,200.00
18. Jos. Graf, Crown Point 50 X 120 - - - - -	3,500.00
19. Klebert Roger 96 X 284 near Fisher #1 School - - - - -	2,000.00
20. Ernest Conzelmann 96 X 1000 for negro school- - - - -	2,000.00

Account of land purchases by Jefferson Parish School Board as per minutes of board meeting of May 18, 1939 as published in the Jefferson Democrat for Saturday September 16, 1939.

1. From L. W. Higgins Oakdale Sub. Plots 4,5,6,7,8,&9 of Farm Block #4 fronting on Whitney Ave. containing 18 acres - - - - -	16,200.00
2. from L. Hermon Gaudet, 2 acres, Fifth Ward in rear School property - - - - -	2,500.00
3. from J.N. Franklin, lots 11 & 12 in sq. 15 of new Gretna - - - - -	1,450.00
4. ? (Mr. Hotard) Block 57 bounded by 14th. 15th & Cuvier Sts. and the 16 foot strip adjoining Nichols Ave. consisting of lots 1 to 24 - - - - -	5,000.00
5. in village of Mechanicksham in sq. No. 2 designated as lot No. 8, lot measures 46 feet 4 inches and 6 lines on H.P. Long Ave. X 125' deep for - - - - -	33,000

(The above lot to be used for School for Sight Saving Classes)

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6.	from Oliver Adam 25 ft. x 125 ft. on Bayou Barataria - - - -	1,600.00
7.	" Mr. & Mrs. Leon Nunez 25 X 125 ft. - - - - -	400.00
8.	" Mrs. A. Adam 25 X 340 ft. - - - - -	1,000.00

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1.	from Laurecella & Co. Lots No. 1 to 18 in sq. No. 130 in the subdivision known as Shrewsbury subdivision for - - - - -	12,000.00
2.	from "Riviere family (Metairie Road & Lake Ave. Carrollton St. "Riviere Est." - - - - -	35,000.00
3.	from Mrs. R. Alexander land on Clay St. thru to Webster St. and bounded on the South by property of J. Bausch & on North by Kanner Lumber Co. property for - - - - -	11,000.00

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1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
October 6, 1939

Honorable Rene A. Viosca
United States Attorney
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;
Information Concerning

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that J. NOBLE WHITE, United States Probation Officer for the Western District of Louisiana, advised this office that there had been brought to his attention by one of the leading businessmen in the town of Columbia, Louisiana the probable existence of misappropriation of federal funds in connection with the payment of school teachers' salaries. At this time he indicated that his informant was GUY ALFORD, owner of the Brown-Alford Drug Company, Columbia, Louisiana, and would be glad to go into the matter with government representatives.

Mr. WHITE was contacted for further information in this matter, and he advised that the only further information he could furnish in the matter was that the Federal Vocational Fund which was handled through the office of T. H. Harris at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, furnished federal aid to assist in the payment of Louisiana school teachers' salaries.

This information is being referred to your office in connection with the present investigations in progress, and for reference to the proper investigative agency.

Very truly yours,

A. P. KITCHIN
Special Agent in Charge

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October 14, 1939

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Mr. Howard W. Kail
88 N. V. Mercury
c/o Globe Refinery
Lemont, Illinois

Dear Mr. Kail:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 6, 1939, concerning the murder of Phil Carey in New Orleans.

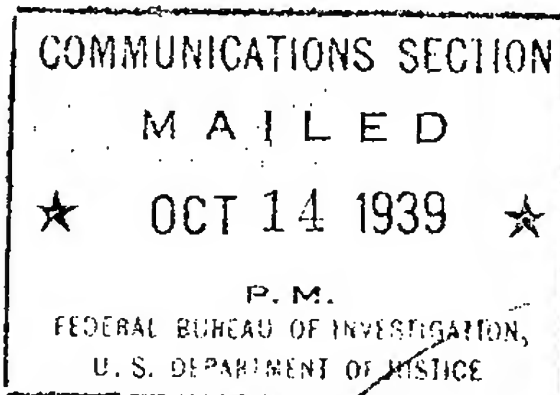
I wish to advise that I have carefully perused the contents of your letter and fail to note therein a violation within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, and I am, therefore, unable to be of assistance to you in the matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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October 6, 1939

M. V. Mercury

Mr. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Phil Carey has been the third National Maritime Union (C.I.O.) member to be murdered in New Orleans, Louisiana (the other two being Peter Duggan and John Synnick.)

They were murdered by a group of men or rather "rats" who are trying to gain control of our union by terrorism such as threatening and other brutal tactics which have been used against our most militant union men and others also.

The New Orleans Police force they are anti-anything but taking and have been lax in their investigation of these murderers even after admitting to them and having some of this going according to the local New Orleans press.

Therefore we request that you put your investigation of the Louisiana Police.

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machine to the New Bureau Police Administration and find out the reasons these kids have not been brought to justice.

In closing we hope you will give the
immediate attention. We remain

Respectfully yours
 Crew of M. V. Mary
 of the Trepney
 Lmont, Illinois

Howard C. [✓] Fair
Ship's Secretary - Treasurer.

Mr. Tolson

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October 16, 1939

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Mr. Ralph R. Scurlock
SS Fletcher Farrell
c/o Sinclair Navigation Company
Box 2411
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Scurlock:

This will acknowledge receipt of the letter dated October 5, 1939, together with enclosures, signed by you and other members of the crew of the SS Fletcher Farrell, concerning the murder of Phillip Carey in New Orleans, Louisiana.

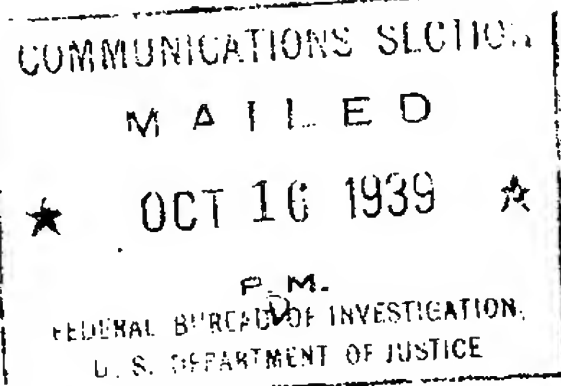
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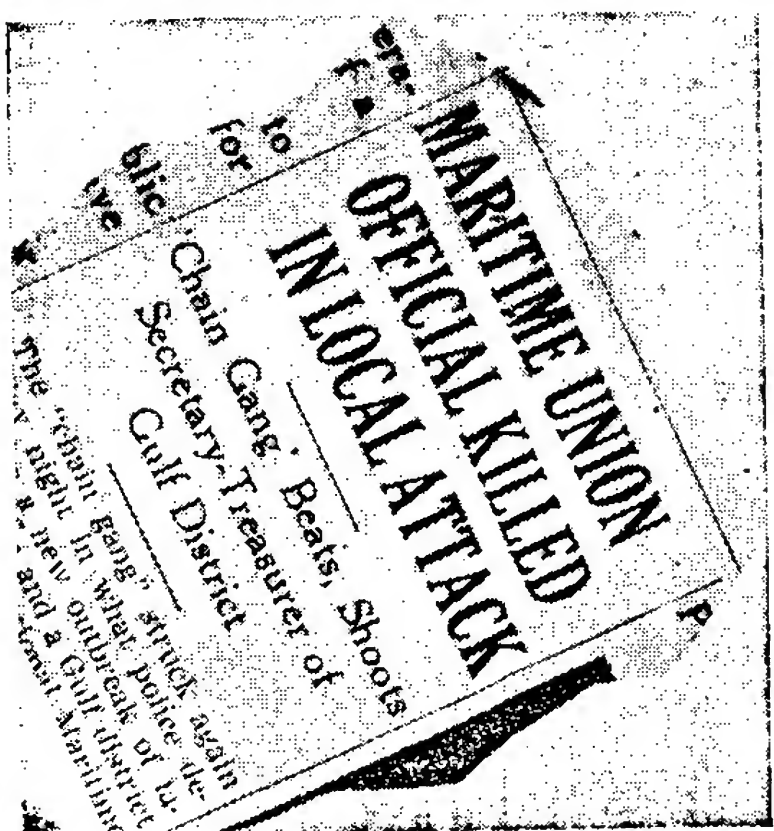
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MURDERED September 17, 1939



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MARITIME UNION OFFICIAL KILLED IN LOCAL ATTACK

Chain Gang Beats, Shoots
for to
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Houston, Texas
Oct. 5th, 1939

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

FED. BU. OF INV.

Dear Sir:

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Crew of SS X. Fletcher
Sinclair Navigation Co. Inc.
Box 2411
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Crew of SEACOR
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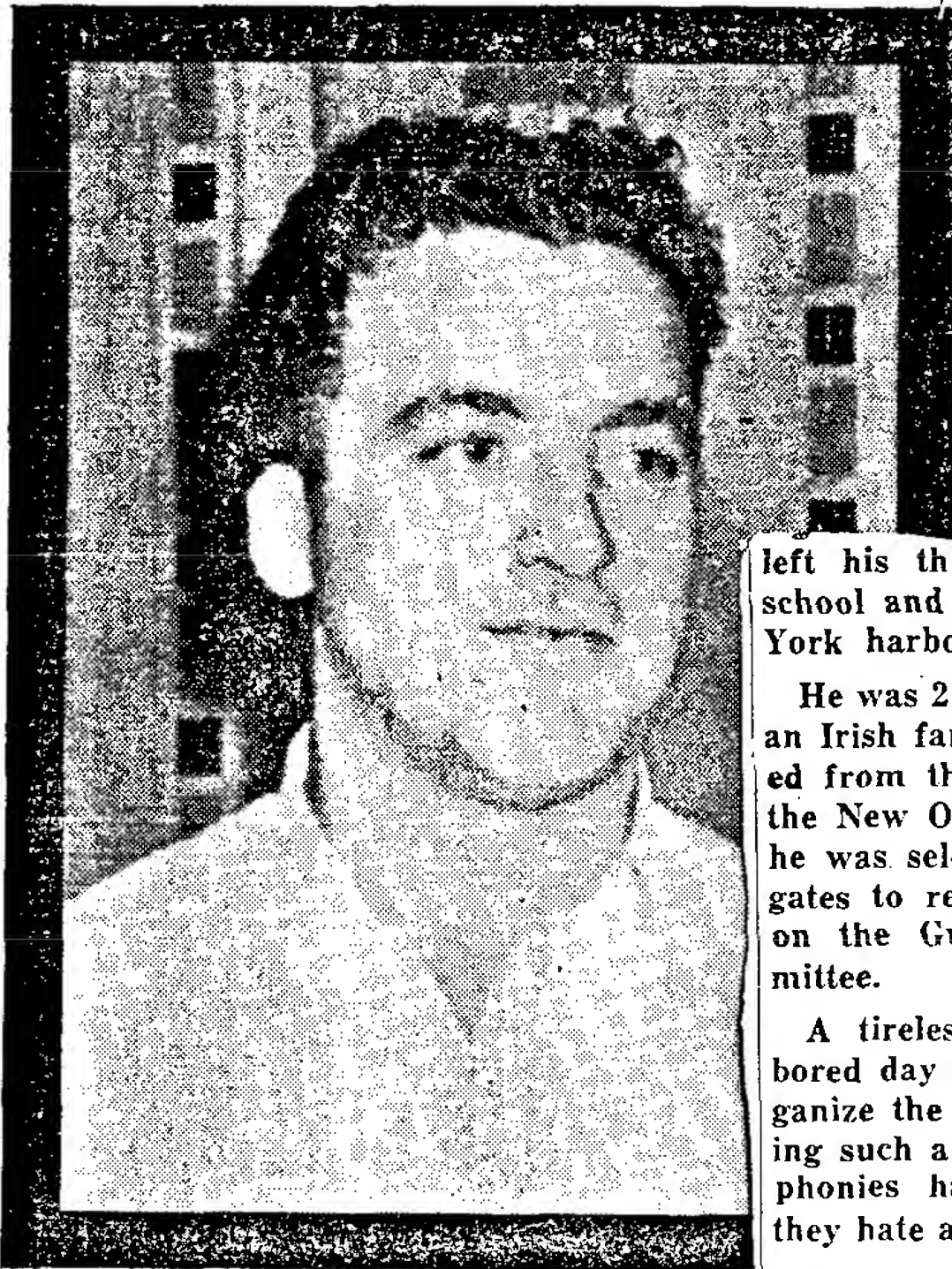
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October 11, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed copies of an anonymous, undated communication received at the Bureau October 5, 1939, concerning tax stamps.

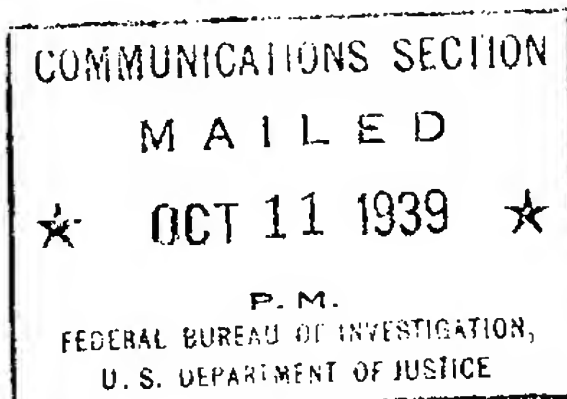
The Bureau desires that you furnish copies of this communication to United States Attorney Rene A. Viosca.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
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A Chicago company called Meyercord, who has been supplying the State of Louisiana with its tax stamps for cigarette packages and liquor bottles, stocked up the State with approximately a four year supply and at prices far in excess of what the State could have made their purchases for elsewhere.

This was the result of a financial deal with Alice Lee Grosjean.

It would be well to look into the situation because there is a feeling in quarters that know that the stamps on hand and paid for by the State of Louisiana cannot be used.

So many reports are circulated concerning indictments of Louisiana officials it occurred, therefore, to this anonymous writer that an investigation may be advisable in the matter of the transactions above referred to.

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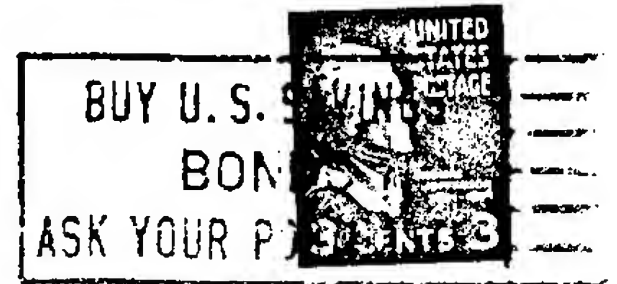
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
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RE LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. FORMER
GOVERNOR RICHARD W. LECHE AND MONTE E. HART, ALSO LEON C. WEISS,
JULIUS DREYFOUS AND SOLIS SEIFERTH, MEMBERS OF FIRM OF WEISS,
DREYFOUS AND SEIFERTH, ARCHITECTS, WERE INDICTED TODAY BY LINCOLN
PARISH GRAND JURY AT RUSTON, LOUISIANA ON CHARGES OF OBTAINING
MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETENSES AND OPERATING A CONFIDENCE GAME
IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF LECHE HALL AT LOUISIANA
POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE IN RUSTON. BOND WAS FIXED FOR ALL
DEFENDANTS ~~XXXX~~ AT FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH AND WARRANTS
ARE EXPECTED TO BE SERVED MONDAY

B. E. SACKETT

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400 U. S. Court House
Buffalo, N.Y.

October 2, 1939

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Mr. William C. Brasuell
M & T Bldg.
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks receipt
of a copy of your letter dated September 28, 1939 to the Hon.
W. C. Andrews, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.,
commending the work of this Bureau in the investigation in
the state of Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

W. V. McLAUGHLIN
Special Agent in Charge

JBH:MS
cc: Bureau

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Sept. 28, 1933

Wm. W. Andrews
c/o House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

At your own request I believe it would be
entirely in order for you to command the personnel of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation for the assigned work they have
done in bringing to justice the contemptible bunch of demagogues
in Louisiana. It is an honor to have your representatives in
investigation to know we have one department that will not permit
unlawful people to go free without being brought to justice.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Prescott

Please be assured you have my full respect.

W. C. Prescott

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

EAT:COH

Time: 10:55 a.m.

September 23, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While in telephonic communication with Mr. Matthew McGuire, I was informed that it has been suggested that he talk with Welly Hopkins, Mr. Schweinhaut and myself about some hot oil case and a remark alleged to have been made by Mr. Rogge in New Orleans. Mr. McGuire has to see the Secretary of the Interior on Monday or Tuesday. I told him I would be glad to meet with them at any time.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

See that they don't
juggle us into handling
something which either
has been initiated & fumbled
by another agency or is to
be for someone else.

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September 22, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

There is quoted below for your information a telegram dated September 15, 1939, received in this Bureau from Mr. Tom W. Dutton, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

"J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation
The people of this state are intensely anxious
for Mr. Rogge to stay on the job and I impore
you personally to use your influence to that end.
He has done a good deal to restore public confi-
dence in Louisiana, and, in the good intent of
The Federal Government, your department is to be
congratulated on the recent convictions. Kind
personal regard to you and Hugh Clegg."

/s/ Tom W. Dutton"

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
September 22, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

AIR MAIL -
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Re: LOUISIANA POLITICS

Dear Sir:

The caucus of the Louisiana Democratic Party meeting in Baton Rouge today nominated Governor EARL K. LONG as its candidate for the Governorship for the next election, which is to be held in January 1940. This action was expected generally, and virtually assures the reelection of LONG as Governor, since the Louisiana Democratic Party is the official political organization in the State. The caucus also nominated the following individuals for the offices mentioned:

HARVEY PELTIER of Thibodaux, Louisiana for the position of Lieutenant-Governor;
Present City Attorney FRANCIS P. BURNS for the office of State Attorney General;
EARL J. CHRISTENBERRY of New Orleans, who is presently the State Publicity representative at Washington, for the office of State Treasurer;
Secretary of State EUGENE A. CONWAY of Shreveport for reelection to that office;
State Auditor L. BUARD BAYNARD of Alexandria for reelection;
State Registrar of Land Office, Miss LUCILLE MAY GRACE of Baton Rouge, for reelection;
State Superintendent of Education THOMAS H. HARRIS of Baton Rouge for reelection;
State Commissioner of Agriculture HARRY D. WILSON of Rose-land, Louisiana for reelection.

THOMAS H. HARRIS has been Superintendent of Education for the past 32 years, and HARRY D. WILSON has held the position of Commissioner of Agriculture for the past 28 years.

Mayor MAESTRI of New Orleans apparently did not attend the caucus of the party, nor did ex-Governor RICHARD LECHE, SEYMOUR WEISS, or any of the others whose names have come up in the Federal investigations here in New Orleans.

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I thought that you would be interested in receiving this information.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT

Special Agent in Charge

BES:ALS

New Orleans, Louisiana
September 22, 1939

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

The following quoted anonymous letter was received at New Orleans, Louisiana, by O. John Rogge, Chief of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, a short time ago, the exact date of which is unknown as the letter is undated and the envelope in which it came was destroyed before this matter was referred to this office:

"O. JOHN..ROGGE.

THE Lawyers here all believe you are Right.
Millionaries are still able to pay their way out; as long as there are Rubber Stamp Judges.

If I were you I would investigate how much the Man Harris Burfords Lawyer was. and see if he did not Split ' with Judge Davidson.

As Judge Davidson showed he was BIASSED PREJUDICED AND UNSOLY INFLUENCED And he must have been BRIBED, as so many Judges both Federal and State are being done NOW.; Espacially where it is a BIG MILIONAIRE IN THE CASE

Found out what Harras' s FEE in and you will find he SPLIT WITH JUDGE DAVIDSON.

While you are in Texas, if you want' to find out where the \$ 15,000.00 KIDNAP Money that Katherine Kelley paid to W. P. McLean and Walter B. Scott to defend Old Man Shannon.; you will find it HID AWAY in the Vaults of the Union Bank & Trust Company here in Fort Worth, of which Dan. E. Lydick is Presedixent, and who STANDS in with them In all their BIG STEALS, if you are wise and VERY SHERED you will locate it in said Bank

Lawyer Laskey of Denver Colorado is serving 10 years for taking \$10,000.00 of it, to defend one of the Kidnapers. in the Famous Charles Urschel Case W. P. McLean and Walter B. Scott got 15,000.00 of it from Katherine Kelley. to defend Shannon. W. P. McLean got drunk and bragged about how he went himself out to the Shannon Farm, and she paid it to him.

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If you will keep close watch on Judge Davidson's Investments and his BANK accounts or his wives, you may yet find out about it all.

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To the Dallas Office, 9/22/39

There is apparently no investigation to be conducted with reference to the letter quoted. It is, however, being referred to you for your information.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT,
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

September 19, 1939

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SAC Conroy called from Dallas in regard to the case involving Freeman Burford, Richard Leche and Seymour Weiss in New Orleans. He advised that Assistant U. S. Attorney Robert Weinstein of New Orleans yesterday morning called U. S. Attorney Clyde O. Eastus in Dallas and stated that he was talking for Assistant Attorney General O. John Rogge. Mr. Weinstein advised that Freeman Burford had a divorce suit in Dallas about a year ago and that a hearing is being held on this matter in Dallas at the present time. He stated that it is probable that testimony will be introduced in that hearing relative to the disposition of certain monies that will be contrary to the testimony that Freeman Burford gave at the time a writ of habeus corpus was sworn out for his release.

Mr. Conroy advised that Mr. Eastus stated that Mr. Weinstein had asked him to get information regarding the testimony given at the hearing. Mr. Conroy stated that he is not sure why this information is wanted, but that probably it will be used against Burford in New Orleans or will be used to indict him in Dallas for perjury. Mr. Conroy stated that Mr. Eastus requested him to obtain the desired information.

I advised Mr. Conroy that Burford was charged with oil irregularities, which matter was handled by the Federal Tender Board; that this Board should therefore conduct all relative investigation. I advised him that it has been the policy of the Bureau to let the agency that handled the substantive investigation conduct all supplementary investigations.

~~Respectfully~~

E. A. Tamm
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*Director
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New Orleans, La.
Sept. 21, 1939.

AIRMAIL-SPECIAL
DELIVERY

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: U. S. ATTORNEY HARVEY G. FIELDS;
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA.

Dear Sir:

I wrote the Bureau some time ago in detail concerning the background and activities of U. S. Attorney HARVEY G. FIELDS.

Some time ago MR. FIELDS' son was arrested on an assault or rape charge, brought about by an eighteen year old girl, at Minden, La. The charge was dismissed and it was informally understood that MR. FIELDS, SR., had agreed to pay the college tuition of the young lady as consideration for dismissing the charges. This, however, has never been verified, and is merely a rumor.

It now appears that the charge of rape against HARVEY G. FIELDS, JR., has been revived, and that individual has been arrested and is presently incarcerated in the Parish Jail at Minden in default of bond. This naturally resulted in newspaper publicity, and apparently charges were made that FIELDS, SR., through his influence when the crime first was allegedly committed, kept the matter out of the newspapers. I am enclosing herewith a clipping from the Shreveport, La. Journal dated September 16, 1939, giving the facts concerning the incarceration of FIELDS, JR. I am enclosing also a clipping from the same newspaper of the same date concerning the details of the statement by U. S. Attorney FIELDS alleging that the arrest of his son and reviving such charges was due to his official activity as U. S. Attorney.

On September 18, 1939, Special Agent W. L. PARKER, who is one of the resident agents at Shreveport, in a conversation on official business with MR. FIELDS, was told by U. S. Attorney FIELDS that early the previous week he received a long distance call from one of the defense attorneys in the mail fraud case against SEYMOUR WEISS, JAMES MONROE SMITH, MONTE HART, ET AL. It appears that this defense attorney called from New Orleans, and according to MR. FIELDS' statements, told MR. FIELDS that he, the attorney, had overheard a conversation in which it was plotted to revive the charges against FIELDS' son; that this action would take place in the event FIELDS did not "loosen up" on in-

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vestigations. U. S. Attorney FIELDS did not advise Agent PARKER of the identity of this attorney, although he did tell agent he knew who the attorney was. U. S. Attorney FIELDS also stated that he submitted a full report concerning the matter to Assistant Attorney General O. JOHN ROGGE.

I thought that the Bureau would be interested in having all of these facts concerning the current difficulties which U. S. Attorney FIELDS and his family are in. This office, of course, is conducting no inquiry or investigation concerning any phase of this matter.

Very truly yours,

B. E. Sackett,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
October 5, 1939

Honorable Rens A. Viosca
United States Attorney
Post Office Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

DR. B. W. GENTRY, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that Edward Burke, 1040 South Genois Street, who is Superintendent of the New Basin Canal, had on various occasions in the past taken materials destined to be used in the construction of the New Basin Canal for his personal use and that such materials had been used by him in building a home at the above address, which home is valued at \$12,000.00.

Dr. Gentry further indicated that he believed Burke was receiving rebates and kick-backs from various laborers and other employees under his supervision. Gentry admitted he had personal reasons for furnishing this information to the Government in that he was a political opponent of Burke.

This information is being submitted to you for reference to the proper investigating agency.

Very truly yours,

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A. P. KITCHIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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September 23, 1939

W/c
Mr. Tom W. Dutton
1849 North
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dutton:

Upon my return to Washington I received your telegram of September 15, 1939, concerning the attitude of the people of Louisiana toward Mr. Rogge, and advising that they were anxious to have him continue his work in that state.

I deeply appreciate the commendatory remarks contained in your telegram regarding the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and I trust that our efforts will continue to merit your esteem.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

cc - cc - New Orleans
(With copy of incoming
telegram)

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J EDGAR HOOVER, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE ARE INTENSELY ANXIOUS FOR

MR ROGGE TO STAY ON THE JOB AND I IMPLORE YOU

PERSONALLY TO USE YOUR INFLUENCE TO THAT END HE HAS

DONE A GOOD DEAL TO RESTORE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN

LOUISIANA AND IN THE GOOD INTENT OF THE FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT YOUR DEPARTMENT IS TO BE CONGRATULATED

ON THE RECENT CONVICTIONS KIND PERSONAL REGARDS TO

YOU AND HUGH CLEGG

TOM W DUTTON,

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1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
September 6, 1939

Honorable Rene A. Viosca
United States Attorney
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: CRIME CONDITIONS IN LOUISIANA

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing for your information and your files a photostatic copy of a letter received from one R. L. Walden, Route 3, Ashdown, Arkansas, together with a photostatic copy of the enclosure he refers to in that communication.

This letter was received at the Washington headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was forwarded here.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
September 6, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

AIR MAIL

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;
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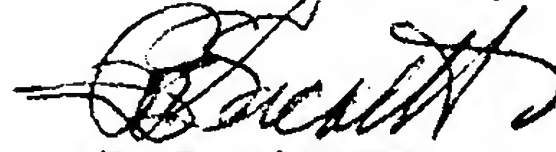
Dear Sir:

This is for the purpose of advising the Bureau that this office, about two weeks ago, completed all investigation pursuant to requests received from Assistant Attorney General O. JOHN ROGGE, and which were approved by the Bureau, in connection with the above matter.

Since that time this office has made no investigations nor is it conducting any inquiries relative to any phase of the matter at the present time.

Reports have long since been submitted on investigative activities in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,



B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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Change in title - Louisiana

1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
September 15, 1939

Hon. O. John Rogge
Assistant Attorney General
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;
Information Concerning

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Mr. Harry Costello furnished information to the Bureau and the Department in Washington to the effect that L. E. Brownson, 3209 Laurel Street, New Orleans, telephone Jackson 2221-W, a public-minded citizen, is anxious to help the Federal Government but is fearful for his life. Costello indicated that Brownson had information concerning Louisiana matters.

In this interview Costello indicated that Brownson claimed Mrs. Alfredo Blanco, 1341 Esplanade Avenue, telephone Crescent 3539, widow of the late Consul of Bolivia, could tell something which would tie up with Shushan. That by investigating the history of the Emerald Oil Company, some line can be gotten on William Holis and Robert Maestri.

In addition to the foregoing matter, there is attached hereto a letter addressed to you which was received by this office, dated September 11, 1939 at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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New Orleans, La.
September 11, 1939.

Mr. O. John Mogge,
Department of Justice,

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.

Gentlemen:

This joint communication, for obvious reasons, is unsigned. The information however, is the whole truth, and is given you direct by an eye witness.

On Monday afternoon, September 4th, 1939, Seymour Weiss' brother, known as "Johnny Weiss", employed by the Godchaux Company, departed from the Roosevelt Hotel and caught the 5.10 P.M. plane for Houston, Texas.

At the time of his departure from the hotel, Johnny Weiss was carrying an enormous roll of what appeared to be bills of large denomination which he placed in his right hand trouser pocket and kept his right hand over that pocket until he drove away in a private auto. He also carried a formidable looking weapon in a holster suspended from his shoulder on his left side.

The party who drove Johnny Weiss to the air port is not well known to me but I have since had him identified as O.A. Morvant, also known as "Bob Morvant", a member of the Louisiana Legislature, and Roosevelt hotel hangeron.

Of course, eye witnesses at the time had no knowledge of why Weiss was departing for Houston Texas, armed, and carrying a large sum of money in bills, but some of these eye witnesses were heard discussing the incident after Weiss had departed.

This information is not based on rumor or a desire to waste the time of the Department of Justice employees who are doing an excellent job in the present fight for justice against fraud and chicanery. What I have stated in the foregoing is absolutely true and correct and maybe be verified as to the person described herein, time of his departure, and his means of transportation from the city, and the destination of the plane. Beyond that, I can tell you no more, and I now place the matter in your capable hands.

Other information will be brought to your attention if and when similar incidents occur.

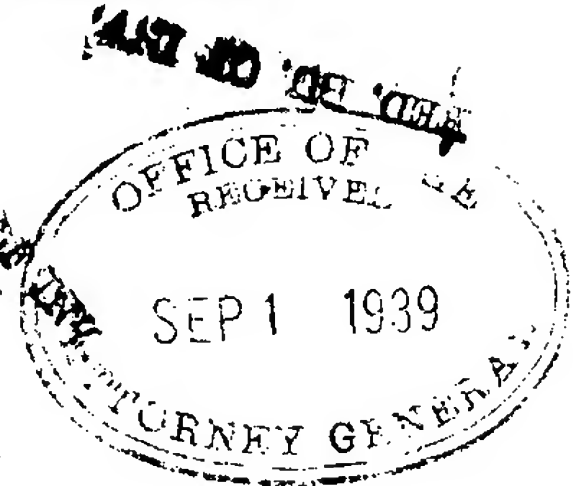
Well Wisher.

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The Huey P. Long Democratic Association

COUSHATTA, LOUISIANA

Aug. 23, 1939.



Hon. Frank Murphy, Atty. General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Murphy:

The clippings herewith may serve to acquaint you with the reflections of the inarticulate masses of Louisiana...voices that cannot be heard via the Vox Populi columns of the oil lubricated press of this state. Only yesterday, the Shreveport Times carried a half page ad...or congratulatory message, from Freeman R. Hurford, President, ~~Last Texas Refining Co.~~ I am sure your office has a file on "Hot Oil" Hurford.

I wish something would be done to clear up the mysterious slaying of Senator Huey P. Long and other mysterious deaths following his passing, to wit: Gov. and Senator-Nominee, Allen, in Jan, '36, one week after being nominated to the U. S. Senate. His sister, Mrs. Mattie Troyles, Shreveport, La, told me in person that her brother was poisoned. About two months later, State Senator Anderson was killed in motor accident...steering wheel had been tampered with....About two month later, Larry Williams met his death in an airplane wreck at Baton Rouge...reported the work of a sabotegee.... All the forementioned were ardent followers of Huey Long....No more mysterious deaths and near tragedies till the beginning of the present investigation and the near approach to another state wide primary.

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As a fervent New Dealer and admirer of Frank Murphy, a member of the party...ALL for the sake of justice, A.D., I believe I am reflecting the sentiments and wish of thousands when asking that a Federal investigation should be started against the Huey Long assassination....I do not believe any, think the plot was laid in Washington. I am afraid the republicans will make political capital out of it before the next national election.

With kind regards and justice for all, I am

A. Hazard Perry,
Vice-Chairman, Red River Parish Dem. Ex. Committee.

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DIRECTOR

LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. FEDERAL GRAND JURY
CONVENED FOR ONE DAY YESTERDAY AND MAY RECONVENE ~~FRIDAY~~ FRIDAY.
O. JOHN ROGGE ADVISED GRAND JURY HEARD TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES TO GET
THEIR STATEMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR TRIAL OF PENDING CASES. ROGGE
ADVISED THAT JAMES MONROE SMITH WILL PLEAD GUILTY TO ALL FEDERAL
INDICTMENTS IF STATE AUTHORITIES WILL MAKE STATE SENTENCES CONCURRENT
THEREWITH. HE FURTHER ADVISED TRIAL BRIEFS ARE BEING PREPARED ON
CASES TO BE TRIED SEPTEMBER FIFTH NEXT.

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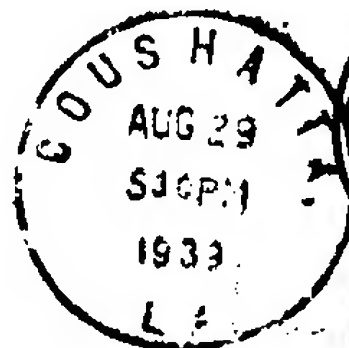
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cc to Mr. Jones

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A. Hazard
P. O. Box 225
Coushatta, La



Hon. Frank Murphy, Atty. General,
Washington,
D. C.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New Orleans, Louisiana
September 1, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is a copy of the Farmers' Friend, which is the September edition of the newspaper published at Hammond, Louisiana, by the Louisiana Farmers' Protective Union, Inc. This is being forwarded for the information of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,



B. E. SACKETT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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